

- Always wear safety glasses with side shields when striking metal against metal. In addition, it is recommended that a softer (chip-resistant) material be used to cushion the blow. Failure to heed could lead to serious injury to the eyes or other parts of the body.
- Do not smoke or have any spark-producing equipment in the area while filling the fuel tank or while working on the fuel or hydraulic systems.

Potential Hazards

A skid-steer loader operator must ALWAYS be conscious of the working environment. Operator actions, the environmental conditions and the job at hand require the full attention of the operator so that safety precautions can be taken.

ALWAYS maintain a safe distance from electric power lines and avoid contact with any electrically charged conductor or gas line. Accidental contact or rupture can result in electrocution or an explosion. Contact the North American One-Call Referral System at: 1-888-258-0808 for the local "Digger's Hotline" number or the proper local authorities for utility line locations BEFORE starting to dig!

Exposure to crystalline silica (found in sand, soil and rocks) has been associated with silicosis, a debilitating and often fatal lung disease. A Hazard Review (Pub. No. 2002-129) by the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) indicates a significant risk of chronic silicosis for workers exposed to inhaled crystalline silica over a working lifetime. NIOSH recommends an exposure limit of 0.05 mg/m³ as a time-weighted average for up to a 10-hr workday during a 40-hr workweek. NIOSH also recommends substituting less hazardous materials when feasible, using respiratory protection and regular medical examinations for exposed workers.

Safety Decals

The skid-steer loader has decals that provide safety information and precautions around the loader. These decals must be kept legible. If missing or illegible, they must be replaced promptly. Replacements can be obtained from your Gehl dealer. New equipment must have all decals specified by the manufacturer affixed in their proper locations.

New Decal Application

Surfaces must be free of dirt, dust, grease and foreign material before applying the decal. Remove the smaller portion of the decal backing paper and apply the exposed adhesive to the clean surface, maintaining proper position and alignment. Peel the rest of the backing paper and apply hand pressure to smooth out the decal surface. Refer to the following pages for proper decal location. Text decals begin on page 9; no-text decals begin on page 13.